

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Thursday, August 4, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Boeglin, Sparrow, Kays, and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Belcher and City Attorney Schneider. Member Majors was absent.

Mayor Belcher called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the claims as presented.

The Mayor informed the Council of the "Welcome to Huntingburg" sign being put up by the Huntingburg Chamber of Commerce. The sign was designed by Amy Stevens and will have some type of interchangeable message on it.

The Mayor proclaimed the week of August 21-27, 2011 as "A Kid's Place Week" in recognition of their 20 year anniversary.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance to amend regulations concerning excavations and obstructions in public ways in the City.

Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed ordinance and noted that this amendment cleans up the ordinance and requires a bond and imposes a penalty for non-compliance.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Summers and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-18 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING REGULATIONS REGARDING EXCAVATIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS THE PUBLIC WAYS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Summers and carried to suspend the rules with unanimous consent and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-18 on the same date and meeting at which it was introduced.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Summers and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-18.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2011-18 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Majors), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2011-18 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:10 P.M.

Transit Director Kemp presented an update of the Transit system. She informed the Council of new operation requirements and also that a fee increase may be needed. She also presented a proposed resolution authorizing the execution and filing of an application for a Section 5311 federal transportation grant.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Kays and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2011-19 entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER SECTION 5311 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT, AS AMENDED

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented a list of current and proposed equipment and labor charges to be used when City equipment and labor are used and are eligible for reimbursement from insurance, State and Federal Agencies for disaster clean up, etc.

The list was reviewed by the Council. It was noted that some tweaking will be needed. Traylor is to get with Attorney Schneider to revise to make sure the City's costs are covered by charges. It was noted that the bulk water minimum charge proposed may need to be looked at separately.

Traylor asked permission to seek quotes for a new Class 4 dump truck to replace the Water Utility's 1993 Chevy truck with 78,000 miles on it. The cost is estimated to be about \$50,000.

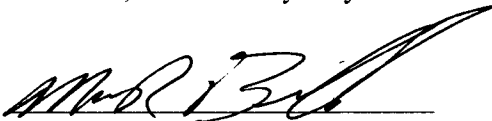
A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Kays and carried to approve Traylor seeking quotes for a new Class 4 dump truck with a trade in of the 1993 Chevy truck.

Tim Wehr, a member of the Mayor's Citizens Advisory Board, updated the Council on projects the Board is working on. Items discussed were a "Music in the Park" on August 13, 2011, a debit machine for utility payments, backyard water issues and un-kept properties in Huntingburg. He presented the Council with a presentation featuring pictures of properties around the City which are not in compliance with the Municipal Code and questioned enforcement of the Code.

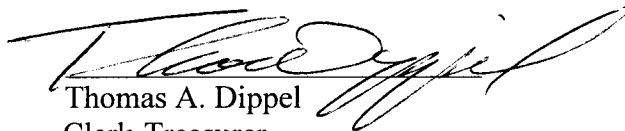
Todd Hartwick and John Bohnenkemper spoke about their experiences with property code violations.

Member Summers presented a letter from 80 year old Maxine Hill Brooks of Piggott, Arkansas inquiring about Uhl Pottery. Summers indicated that she talked on the phone for half an hour answering her questions.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 o'clock P.M.



Marvin R. Belcher
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer